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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine which includes
a display including a plurality of display positions for displaying combinations of symbols;
a controller for controlling operation of the machine, the controller including a processor for processing data and displaying selected data on the display; and
a selector operable by a player of the machine for enabling the player to select at least one additional feature which can be added to a base game played on the machine, ~~an additional credit being staked by the player in order to be eligible for the at least one feature~~ such that a first bet configuration provides eligibility for the base game alone and at least one other bet configuration provides eligibility for the base game enhanced with eligibility for the at least one additional feature.
2. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 1 in which the additional credit staked by the player is a multiple of a base bet wagered by the player.
3. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of claim 2 in which different multiples of the base bet purchase different additional features.
4. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector comprises a plurality of selectors operable by the player to select the at least one additional feature before making the base bet.
5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the additional credit staked provides eligibility to a benefit provided by that feature, there being no guarantee that the feature will eventuate merely by having staked the additional credit.
6. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the additional feature is triggered independently of the base game.

7. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector enables a player to select a range of additional features to enable the player to tailor the game to the player's requirements.

8. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of claim 7 in which certain of the additional features are no-cost features while other features require the staking of additional credit by the player.

9. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1, wherein the machine comprises a plurality of games and wherein the selector ~~is adapted to enable~~ enables the player to select one of the plurality of games as the base game.

10. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector includes dedicated buttons on a keypad of the controller.

11. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector includes touch sensors of a touch screen of the display.

12. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine which includes

a display including a plurality of display positions for displaying combinations of symbols;

a controller for controlling operation of the machine, the controller including a processor for processing data and displaying selected data on the display; and

a selector operable by a player of the machine for enabling the player to select at least one additional feature which can be added to a base game played on the machine such that a first bet configuration provides eligibility for the base game alone and at least one other bet configuration provides eligibility for the base game enhanced with eligibility for the at least one additional feature, an additional credit being staked by the player in order to be eligible for the at least one additional feature being a fixed amount multiplied by a bet wagered per line or per draw.

13. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12 wherein the selector includes a plurality of selectors operable by the player to select the additional feature required before making a base bet.

14. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine of Claim 12 in which the additional credit staked provides eligibility to a benefit provided by that feature, there being no guarantee that the feature will eventuate merely by having staked the additional credit.

15. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the additional feature is triggered independently of the base game.

16. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the selector enables a player to select a range of additional features to enable the player to tailor the game to the player's requirements.

17. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of claim 16 in which certain of the additional features are no-cost features while other features require the staking of additional credit by the player.

18. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the machine comprises a plurality of games and wherein the selector is adapted to enable the player to select one of the plurality of games as the base game.

19. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the selector includes dedicated buttons on a keypad of the control means.

20. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine of Claim 12, in which the selector includes touch sensors of a touch screen of the display.

21. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine which includes
- a display including a plurality of display positions for displaying combinations of symbols;
 - a controller for controlling operation of the machine, the controller including a processor for processing data and displaying selected data on the display; and
 - a plurality of selectors operable by a player of the machine for enabling the player, prior to making a base bet, ~~for selecting~~ to select a range of additional features to be added to a base game played on the machine to enable the player to tailor the game to the player's requirements, a first selection providing eligibility for the base game alone and at least one other selection providing eligibility for the base game enhanced with eligibility for at least one additional feature.